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GLENDALÉ WOMAN SENTENCED TO OVER 8 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER FOR HIRE

PHOENIX – Shannon Carr, 30, of Glendale, Ariz., was sentenced here on April 27, 2005 to 97 months in prison, by U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Martone. Upon her release from prison, Carr will be placed on supervised release for three additional years.

Carr pleaded guilty on November 8, 2004 to Use of Interstate Commerce Facilities in the Commission of Murder for Hire. In October 2003, an FBI agent posing as a hit-man in Wisconsin called Carr at her Arizona residence, and Carr confirmed, as she had stated in earlier phone calls, that she wanted a woman in Phoenix killed. She also provided the name, address and a description of the victim and agreed to pay between \$1,000 and \$2,000 to the undercover agent to carry out the murder. Carr claimed she wanted the victim dead because the victim was harassing her and her boyfriend, the victim's ex-husband. She agreed with the agent's plan to kill the victim during a hit and run accident. After paying the undercover agent \$800, Carr was arrested.

The intended victim, who is the mother of four girls, told Judge Martone during sentencing that the plot could only be described as evil and that she still lived in fear. The government argued that if it weren't for the intervention of the FBI, the intended victim would have been dead, her children motherless and the defendant in prison for life. The court rejected the defense's request for a lighter sentence.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI. The prosecution was handled by Vincent Q. Kirby, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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